

Talking Points

- House and Senate members deserve credit for working through the weekend during the Special Session. I wanted the Special Session to give legislators a fresh start on their Medicaid deliberations, and it appears they took advantage of that fresh start.
- We said repeatedly that the Health Care Trust Fund was the only place to turn to fix a \$268 million deficit and that is eventually what was done. My only disappointment is that the delayed decision to choose the obvious solution inconvenienced and frightened so many Medicaid recipients.
- Now that this health care emergency has been averted, it is time to focus our attention on the critical long-term, cost-saving measures House and Senate leaders are considering for Medicaid. During this past emergency we focused on revenue -- for the future of Medicaid we must focus on reform.
- The Division of Medicaid can now focus its attention on beginning the redetermination process so we can start identifying those individuals who are on Medicaid who shouldn't be.